



MINUTES OF A STATED MEETING OF THE SESSION

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2019

LOCATION OF MEETING: DISCUSSION CLASS ROOM

Class of 2019		Class of 2020		Class of 2021	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	D.R. Beeson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mike McCalmont	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Tom Borthwick
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jerry Cole	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Charles Spears	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brian Johnston
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Emily Jordan			<input type="checkbox"/>	Beth Lowe
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sam Repass

Present: X  
 Absent, excused: Lowe  
 Absent: None

Moderator present: The Reverend Ms. Christine Bohn, Ph.D.

Others present: E. Campbell, clerk; J. Urse, Diaconate chair

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by moderator Christine Bohn.

The clerk declared a quorum present.

**Opening Prayer and Devotional:**

The moderator opened the meeting with prayer. Dr. Bohn shared several thoughts from the book *'Eat this Book: A Conversation in the Art of Spiritual Reading'* by Eugene H. Peterson; who also authored 'The Message' Bible translation. Peterson challenges readers to read the Scriptures on the Scriptures own terms, as God's revelation, and to live them as we read them. Peterson offers greatly needed, down-to-earth counsel on spiritual reading. His work emphasizes God as the subject. John Calvin's admonition of obedience to the Scriptures is presented. Dr. Bohn reminded those present 'we are in on it, participate'.

**Events of Note at FPC JC for the period February 25, 2019 through March 24, 2019:**

- Dismissal:
  - o None
- Marriage:
  - o None
- New Member:
  - o None
- Pulpit Supply:
  - o The Reverend Dr. William Cockrill (March 3, 2019).
  - o Gideon Speaker (March 10, 2019).
  - o The Reverend Mr. Bill Wing (March 17, 2019).
  - o The Reverend Mr. Andy Wells (March 24, 2019).
- Sacrament of Baptism:
  - o None
- Translated to the Church Triumphant:
  - o Saylor, Mary H. (March 20, 2019).

**Approval of the Docket:**

- The clerk put the question to members of session, 'Do you find the agenda for this meeting to be complete?' On motion by Dr. Cole, second Dr. Johnston, session by unanimous voice vote approved the docket with the below listed amendment:
  - o The Christian Education Committee met March 18, 2019.

**Review of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting(s) of the Session:**

- The clerk put the question to members of session, 'Do you find the minutes of the stated meeting occurring January 22, 2019 to be complete?' Session by consent approved the minutes as prepared.
- The clerk put the question to members of session, 'Do you find the minutes of the stated meeting occurring February 26, 2019 to be complete?' On motion by Dr. Borthwick, second Ms. Jordan, session by unanimous voice vote approved the minutes following motion to amend by Mr. Repass to insert into the minutes:
  - o The approval by a vote of 7 yea, 1 nay, the recommended new structure of the committees of FPC JC from the ad hoc Committee on Committees and placed on the floor by Dr. Parker.

**Communications from the Staff to Session:**

- No staff report this meeting.

**Communications from the Clerk to Session:** The clerk;

- Placed on the floor for session's consideration and action his recommendation that the non-pastor moderator, the Reverend Dr. Christine Bohn, receive from FPC JC in the amount allowed by U.S. Internal Revenue Service regulations monetary compensation to reimburse travel expenses and remuneration in the amount of \$100.00 for each meeting of the session attended. The clerk further recommended the compensation of the non-pastor moderator be funded from the budget established for personnel. On motion by Mr. Beeson, second Dr. Cole, session by unanimous voice vote approved the compensation of the non-pastor moderator as recommended by the clerk and with funding from the personnel budget.

**Communications from the Moderator to Session:** The moderator;

- Placed no business on the floor requiring consideration or action by the session.

**Communications from the Pastor Nominating Committee to Session:** Dr. Brian Johnston, reported;

- The committee is meeting weekly. The committee expects to complete the Ministry Information Form of FPC JC during the month of April 2019.

**Communications from the Diaconate to Session:** Ms. Jerry Urse, moderator, reported;

- The Diaconate last met March 7, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.

**Committees of the Session:**

**Administration**

- Administration Committee: Mr. Art Fowler, Jr., chair. Mr. Repass reported;
  - Mr. Dodd has submitted a letter to the Finance Committee advising he is resigning from the position of Church Business Administrator effective April 30, 2019. Mr. Dodd has filled the position of Church Business Administrator on an ad hoc basis in addition to his employment at FPC JC as Director of Worship and Music. The Personnel Committee will begin a search to locate and hire on a part-time basis a person with the skills required for the position.
  - Ms. Jane O'Connor has resigned from the Personnel Committee effective immediately due to the illness of a family member.
  - The committee last met February 27, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.
- o Finance Committee: Mr. Steve Edens, chair. No report;
  - The committee last met March 12, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.
  - The financial report for the month ended 28FEB2019 provided.
- o Long Range Planning Committee: Mr. Ed Campbell, chair, reported;
  - The committee is working with Mr. Arner to secure pricing for the purchase and installation of new LED lighting fixtures on the east wall of the building, the pavilion at the Eliason Fellowship Junction, and on the two poles having fixtures illuminating the rear parking lot.
  - The committee last met January 31, 2019; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- o Personnel Committee: Mr. Arthur Fowler, III, chair. Mr. Repass reported;
  - The committee last met March 2019; agenda for the meeting to be provided.

- o Safety and Security Committee: Mr. Charles Spears, chair, reported;
  - The committee's recommended options for control of building ingress and egress were provided and presented for session's consideration and action. Session by unanimous voice vote approved Option 4 as the control schedule to implement. The list of options is attached hereto and is part of the minutes.
  - The committee last met March 18, 2019; informational from the meeting provided.
- o Stewardship Committee: Ms. Beth Lowe, chair. No report;
  - The committee last met February 19, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

**Christian Education**

- Christian Education Committee: Ms. Jill Lewis, chair. No report.
  - The committee last met March 18, 2019; minutes of the meeting to be provided.
- o Children's Ministry: Dr. Charles Parker, chair. No report.
  - The committee last met February 6, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Pre-School: Ms. Emily Jordan, liaison from session and board member reported;
  - Ms. Amy Sentell, Pre-School Director, has returned to work.
  - The board of directors last met January 16, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Student Ministry: (The chair is vacant.) No report;
  - The committee last met January 21, 2018; minutes of the meeting not provided.

**Communications:**

- Communications Committee: Mr. Johnny Molloy, chair. Dr. Cole reported;
  - The committee's focus will be getting information on the ministries of FPC JC to the members of FPC JC and the public.
  - The committee last met March 11, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.

**Missions**

- Missions Committee: Mr. Mike McCalmont, chair, reported;
  - The committee will merge the global and local missions working groups to a single governing body.
  - The bulletin board promoting the work of the missions ministries of FPC JC will be relocated to the Welcome Center from the main hallway on the first floor.
  - Sixty-one (61) scholarships have been donor funded for students attending St. Innocents School in Bellevue, Haiti. Commitments have been received for an additional nine (9) scholarships.
  - Summary report at March 2019 provided.
  - The committee last met March 12, 2018; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Global Missions:
  - The working group last met February 19, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.
- o Local Missions and Community Outreach:
  - The working group last met January 27, 2019; minutes of the meeting previously provided.

**New Member Outreach:**

- New Member Outreach Committee: Ms. Ann Herndon, chair. No report.
  - No report of meetings of the committee.

**Worship**

- Worship Committee: Mr. D.R. 'Rick' Beeson, chair, reported;
  - A training session for elders in the preparation and service of the communion elements for the traditional worship service will occur Thursday, April 25, 2019 in the Holston Room. The class will convene 7:00 P.M. Mr. Mike Grindstaff will lead the training.
  - The observance of the worship service celebrating the Fourth of July will occur Sunday, July 7, 2019.
  - The committee last met March 12, 2019; minutes of the meeting provided.

**Ad Hoc:**

- There were no ad hoc committees convened at the time of this meeting of the session.

**Unfinished Business:**

- None

**New Business:**

- On motion by Mr. McCalmont, second Dr. Cole, session by unanimous voice vote received the Delegate's Report on the business of the stated quarterly meeting of Holston Presbytery occurring March 2, 2019.

**Member Concerns:**

- Mr. McCalmont encouraged members of session to attend the quarterly meetings of Holston Presbytery.
- Mr. Repass expressed disappointment over FPC JC's lack of financial support of Holston Presbytery.
- Mr. McCalmont encouraged members of session to participate in the 'Meal Train' ministry that is providing meals for the Abraham Bodkins family during Mrs. Bodkins' recovery from medical treatment.

**Pastoral Care:**

The clerk reminded those present to be in prayer for the concerns of Gil Rosenberger, Emily Jordan in the death of her father Thomas Westbrook, Susanne McKinney in the death of her step-mother Mary Saylor, Chris O'Connor, Ramsey Kate Sentell, Lisa Smalling, and Ted Kaiser.

**Adjournment and Closing Prayer:**

On motion by Mr. Spears, second Mr. McCalmont, there being no further business session by unanimous voice vote approved adjournment of the meeting at 8:55 P.M.; closing prayer by Dr. Bohn.

END of MINUTES

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THE REVEREND DR. CHRISTINE BOHN, MODERATOR

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ED CAMPBELL, CLERK OF SESSION

**THE NEXT STATED MEETING OF SESSION WILL OCCUR TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2019 @ 7:00 P.M.**

ELDERS WHEN UNABLE TO ATTEND A SESSION MEETING ARE TO CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AND REQUEST AN EXCUSED ABSENCE.